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ELECTION AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 4, line 6, please delete "patent" and insert --patient--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 4 as follows:

4. (Amended) A vector comprising a DNA encoding the protein of Claim 1.

Please add the following claims:

--41. A method for producing via recombinant methods major capsid protein or an antigenic fragment thereof, which upon expression is capable of reproducing the